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1. MISS NIELSEN, WHO FOLLOWS EC/PORTUGUESE AFFAIRS IN THE EC COMMISSION DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, HAS INFORMED US THAT DESPITE THE CURRENT UNCERTAINTIES SURROUNDING THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN PORTUGAL, THE EC COMMISSION IS GOING AHEAD WITH ITS EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC WAYS IN WHICH THE COMMUNITY MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST THE PORTUGUESE ECONOMY. MISS NIELSEN SAYS THE MEETINGS OF THE JOINT EC/PORTUGAL WORKING GROUPS REFERRED TO IN PARA 4 REFTEL TOOK PLACE (PRIOR TO THE RECENT TURN OF EVENTS IN PORTUGAL) AND WENT QUITE WELL. THE PORTUGUESE SIDE HAD DONE ITS HOMEWORK AND WAS ABLE TO REFINE ITS DESIDERATA REGARDING EC ASSISTANCE IN THE COMMERCIAL, AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS INCLUDING REQUESTS FOR FAVORABLE TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN PORTUGUESE

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OF OTHER PRODUCTS TO PORTUGAL. THE PORTUGUESE ALSO SPELLED OUT SOME OF THE IMPROVEMENTS THEY SEEK FOR THEIR MIGRANT LABORERS IN THE COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS THEIR DESIRES WITH REGARD TO A FINANCIAL PROTOCOL PROVIDING FOR EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK LOANS. NO FIGURES WERE MENTIONED, HOWEVER.

2. THE COMMISSION IS NOW PREPARING ITS POSITIONS FOR A MEETING OF THE EC/PORTUGAL MIXED COMMITTEE WHICH IS STILL SCHEDULED FOR SOME TIME IN APRIL. IT IS UP TO THE PORTUGUESE SIDE TO CONFIRM THAT DATE, BUT MISS NIELSEN DOUBTS THAT THE PORTUGUESE WILL BE PREPARED TO MAKE A FIRM DECISION PRIOR TO THEIR ELECTIONS, NOW SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 25. EVEN THOUGH THE MIXED COMMITTEE MEETING MIGHT HAVE TO BE POSTPONED, THE COMMISSION IS GOING AGEAD WITH ITS PREPARATIONS. IT WISHES TO ENSURE THAT IF THERE IS ANY SLIPPAGE IN THE SCHEDULE, IT WILL NOT BE BECAUSE THE COMMISSION FAILED TO COMPLETE ITS WORK ON TIME.

3. WHILE THE COMMISSION IS CONTINUING ITS EFFORTS VIS-A-VIS PORTUGAL, MISS NIELSEN SAID SHE IS FULLY AWARE OF THE POTENTIAL OBSTACLES. IN PARTICULAR, SHE FORESEES THE POSSIBLIITY THAT A LEFTIST-ORIENTED PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT MIGHT EITHER DECIDE TO DOWN-PLAY ITS TIES TO THE EC OR TAKE SOME RESTRICTIVE ACTION, SUCH AS A BAN ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT, WHICH WOULD VIRTUALLY FORECLOSE THE EC'S EFFORTS TO PURSUE CLOSER COOOPERATION FOR THE TIME BEING. GREENWALD

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